

Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently amended) An article carrier of the basket type adapted to accommodate a plurality of articles, comprising a base, opposed side walls and opposed end walls, a handle structure and a medial partition structure extending between said end walls and disposed at least in part below said handle structure, said articles being receivable on both sides of said medial partition structure, wherein a securing flap is hinged to said medial partition structure and is secured to one of said end walls to create a joint between said medial partition structure and said one end wall, wherein said medial partition structure comprises first and second medial panels hinged together along a first fold line, said first and second medial panels are disposed in face to face relationship with each other, and wherein the first fold line is disposed inwardly of the carrier from said one end wall relative to a second fold line by which said securing flap is hinged to one of said first and second medial panels.

2. (Original) The article carrier according to claim 1 wherein said first fold line is disposed between opposed end edges of said one medial panel, and said second fold line is disposed along one of the opposed end edges of said one medial panel.

3. (Original) The article carrier according to claim 2 wherein said first and second fold lines are disposed in parallel with each other.

4. (Original) The article carrier according to claim 1 wherein said first and second medial panels each provides a transverse partition strip for connecting the medial partition structure to said side walls.

5. (Currently amended) The article carrier according to claim 1 wherein said securing flap is hinged to said one ~~end wall~~ medial panel.

6. (Currently amended) The article carrier according to claim 1 wherein said first medial panel is a full length panel extending between said opposed end walls, and said second medial panel is shorter in length than said ~~second~~ first medial panel.

7. (Currently amended) The article carrier according to claim 1 wherein said medial partition structure ~~comprises~~ is attached to said handle means structure by which said carrier can be lifted and carried and extends downwardly from the handle structure.

8. (Currently amended) A blank for forming an article carrier of a basket type, said blank comprises a series of main panels hinged one to next for forming opposed side walls, opposed end walls, a base and a medial partition structure when said carrier is erected, wherein said blank includes at one end thereof first and second medial panels for forming said medial partition structure, wherein a first transverse partition member is formed from said first medial panel to be secured to one of said side walls, a securing flap is hinged to one of opposed end edges of said first medial panel, a second transverse partition member is formed from said second medial panel to be secured to the other side wall, said first and second medial panels are hinged together along a first fold line, ~~said second medial panel and said second transverse partition member are partially struck from said first medial panel,~~ and said first fold line is disposed between said opposed end edges of said first medial panel, said one end edge of said first medial panel is disposed along a second fold line by which said securing flap is hinged to said first medial panel.

9. (Original) The blank according to claim 8 wherein said medial partition structure comprises handle means by which said carrier can be lifted and carried.

10. (Original) The blank according to claim 8 wherein the first and second fold lines are disposed in parallel with each other.

11. (Original) The blank according to claim 8 wherein said first and second transverse partition members each comprises a transverse partition strip for connecting said medial partition

structure to a respective one of said side walls.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Original) The blank according to claim 8 wherein said first medial panel is a full length panel adapted to extend between said end walls, and said second medial panel is shorter in length than said first medial panel.

14. (New) An article carrier of the basket type adapted to accommodate a plurality of articles, comprising a base, opposed side walls and opposed end walls, a handle structure and a medial partition structure extending between said end walls and disposed at least in part below said handle structure, said articles being receivable on both sides of said medial partition structure, wherein a securing flap is hinged to said medial partition structure and is secured to one of said end walls to create a joint between said medial partition structure and said one end wall, wherein said medial partition structure comprises first and second medial panels hinged together along a first fold line, wherein the first fold line is disposed inwardly of the carrier from said one end wall relative to a second fold line by which said securing flap is hinged to one of said first and second medial panels, wherein said first fold line is disposed between opposed end edges of said one medial panel, and said second fold line is disposed along one of the opposed end edges of said one medial panel.

15. (New) The article carrier according to claim 14 wherein said first and second fold lines are disposed in parallel with each other.

16. (New) The article carrier according to claim 14 wherein said first and second medial panels each provides a transverse partition strip for connecting the medial partition structure to said side walls.

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17. (New) The article carrier according to claim 14 wherein said securing flap is hinged to said one medial panel.

18. (New) The article carrier according to claim 14 wherein said first medial panel is a full length panel extending between said opposed end walls, and said second medial panel is shorter in length than said first medial panel.

19. (New) The article carrier according to claim 14 wherein said medial partition structure is attached to said handle structure and extends downwardly from the handle structure.